



Sixty-seven years have not dimmed warm memories of an Aruban wedding for the Weeks

Visiting Aruba for the last two weeks of October has been Thomas and Susan Weeks of Boston, Massachusetts. Aruba is a very special destination for them, as it was where they were married on October 26, 1940, and where they came to celebrate their golden jubilee wedding anniversary in 1990. On the occasion of that special event, they treated themselves to two weeks of time sharing at the Caribbean Palm Villas in Noord as a special gift, and have been returning to the island every year since to celebrate their anniversary.

Thomas was a mechanic at the Lago Refinery for three years, from 1938 until 1940. Susan joined him here from their home island of Montserrat to wed and make a home, but reduction of personal at the refinery during the war years sent them back.

Eventually, they settled in Boston, Massachusetts along with Thomas's sister Hannah, and their brothers that were living in the U.S. at the time and found them work. Joining them now for their two-week holiday is compatriots Alice White and Rose O'Garro, also originally from Montserrat but living in Boston for many years. They have been vacationing in Aruba each year with Thomas and Susan several times, as has his sister Hannah, who was Maid of Honor at their wedding, and an annual guest each time they come to the island.

Thomas, Susan and Hannah all admit they loved Aruba back in the days when the couple lived here, and they love it still, even though it has changed a very great deal since then. "We find it very similar to Montserrat in many ways," they assert, "but without the volcano!"